

REMARKS

By the foregoing Amendment, the Related Applications section of the application has been updated, and Claims 1-3 and 6-9 have been amended. Claims 7 and 9 have been amended for consistency with Claim 1. Claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form, since it is directed to a system for monitoring wear of an aircraft tire. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Office Action dated July 2, 2004 included an Office Action Summary identifying Claims 1-43 as rejected, but included a Detailed Action addressing Claims 1-9, and set a shortened statutory period for response of three months. The Office Action dated July 19, 2004 was identified as a supplemental action, and set a shortened statutory period for response of three months, but did not rescind the earlier shortened statutory period for response, so that it is assumed that the shortened statutory period for response ending October 2, 2004 is still in effect.

Claims 1, 2, 6 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) on the grounds of anticipation by Ralea, et al., disclosing a system for monitoring aircraft brake wear. The Examiner asserted that the means for monitoring the wear and usage of an aircraft system, and the means for determining the remaining life of the aircraft system could be considered to be aircraft system maintenance personnel or mechanics inherent in Ralea, et al. Claim 1 has been amended to recite "said means for monitoring the usage and wear of said aircraft part being operatively connected to said at least one sensor," "said means for monitoring the usage and wear of an aircraft system being operatively connected to

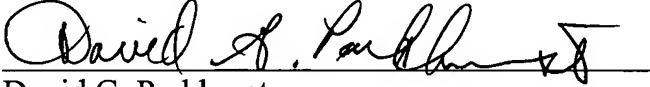
said at least one sensor," and " said means for determining the remaining life of said aircraft system being operatively connected to said at least one sensor." It is respectfully submitted that Claim 1 as amended distinguishes over maintenance personnel and mechanics inherent in Ralea et al., and that Claims 1, 2, 6 and 8 are novel and inventive over Ralea et al. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the rejection of Claims 1, 2, 6 and 8 on the grounds of anticipation by Ralea, et al. should be withdrawn.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 3-5, 7 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. However, Applicant wishes to defer rewriting Claims 3-5, 7 and 9 as suggested by the Examiner, pending consideration of the claims as amended.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application should now be in condition for allowance, and an early favorable action in this regard is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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